

Chapter 6
Streets and Sidewalks

6.12 Sidewalks; Removal of Snow, Etc.

(1) RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER OR OCCUPANT. (Am. #12-80) The owner, occupant, or person in charge of each dwelling or building in the City fronting upon or adjoining any street, and the owner or person in charge of any unoccupied building or lot fronting as aforesaid, shall clean the sidewalk in front of or adjoining such dwelling or building, or unoccupied lot or building, as the case may be, of snow and ice to the width of such sidewalk within 12 hours after the snow has ceased to fall, and shall keep the sidewalk free of snow so as to prevent an accumulation of ice.

(2) CLEANING BY CITY: ASSESSMENT OF COSTS. (Am. #12-80)

(a) (Am. #21-08) (Am. #26-99) (Am. #18-10) If the owner, occupant or person in charge of removal of snow as herein provided fails to so remove snow, at the time designated herein, the City may, through its employees and officials of the Department of Public Works, and at its option, cause the snow and ice to be removed from any sidewalk within the City and the cost of such removal shall be at the rate of two dollars (\$2.00) per lineal foot and shall be charged to each lot or parcel of land as a current charge by the City Treasurer and entered into the tax roll as a special tax against such lot or parcel and collected in all respects as other taxes or real estate. In addition, the Director of Public Works shall designate a person from that Department to be authorized by the Common Council to issue citations under §25.08 of this Municipal Code. Such person shall also be responsible for the snow removal program under this section.

(b) If the weather conditions cause ice to accumulate on such sidewalk and it cannot with due diligence be removed, the owner, occupant, or person in charge shall keep the same sprinkled with ashes, salt or sand and shall remove accumulated ice to the width of the sidewalk as soon as weather conditions permit.

(c) (Am. #3-10) For the first offense no citation shall be issued and no fine imposed. A warning citation shall be issued and the cost for the removal of snow as provided in par. (a) shall be charged as provided. For the second offense, to compensate for inspectional and administrative costs, a fee of \$25 may be charged for an inspection to determine compliance with this section, except that no fee shall be charged for the inspection when compliance is recorded. A fee of \$50 may be charged for third and subsequent offenses. Inspection fees shall be charged against the real estate upon which the inspections were made, shall be a lien upon the real estate and shall be assessed and collected as a special charge.

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(3) OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING DISCHARGE OF WATER. Every person owning any buildings in the City situated as described in sub. (1) shall cause the pipes conducting the water from the eaves of the building to be constructed as not to spread the water over the sidewalk.

(4) PILING SNOW IN STREETS. (Rep. #15-19)

(5) (Cr. #26-99) In addition to the other requirements imposed in this section, the owner, occupant or person in charge of each building or dwelling is required to remove snow upon any portion of a sidewalk which leads to the street and intersects with the curb at an intersection or corner. The cost of such removal by the City shall be \$25.00 per property.

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